

January 16, 2002

Ms. Renata Hesse
Ancient Division
Department of Justice
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

This letter contains my comments on the Microsoft settlement.

The settlement is good because it brings to conclusion a case that has been lingering in the courts for far too long. The specifics of the settlement are positive in that they will settle the question of unfair competition by sharing information and allowing entrance into Windows the Microsoft competitors. The settlement also addresses any issues of retaliation by Microsoft and ensures compliance with a technical committee. For those reasons I support this settlement.

Sincerely yours,

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